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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Bernarr E. Gregory	3662

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#### Period for Reply

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-84 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-84 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 21 October 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-84 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Independent apparatus claim 1 is indefinite and unclear in that the preamble of the claim presents the claim as being directed to a "control system for a remote-controlled vehicle," but the body of claim 1 seems to describe a vehicle with on-board guidance. Nothing in claim 1 seems to describe any sort of remote-control structure. Since claim 1 contradicts itself, it is not at all clear what is being claimed—a remotely guided vehicle or a self-guided vehicle.

Independent apparatus claim 23 is indefinite and unclear in that the preamble of the claim presents the claim as being directed to a "control system for a remote-controlled vehicle," but the body of claim 23 seems to describe a vehicle with on-board guidance. Nothing in claim 23 seems to describe any sort of remote-control structure. Since claim 23 contradicts itself, it is not at all clear what is being claimed—a remotely guided vehicle or a self-guided vehicle.

Independent apparatus claim 45 is indefinite and unclear in that the preamble of the claim presents the claim as being directed to a "control system for a remote-controlled vehicle," but the body of claim 45 seems to describe a vehicle with on-board guidance. Nothing in claim 45 seems to describe any sort

of remote-control structure. Since claim 45 contradicts itself, it is not at all clear what is being claimed—a remotely guided vehicle or a self-guided vehicle.

Independent method claim 69 is indefinite and unclear in that the preamble of the claim presents the claim as being directed to a “method of operating a remote-controlled vehicle,” but the body of claim 69 seems to describe a method of operating a vehicle with on-board guidance. Nothing in claim 69 seems to describe any sort of remote-control structure method. Since claim 69 contradicts itself, it is not at all clear what is being claimed—a remotely guided vehicle method or a self-guided vehicle method.

Dependent claims 2-22, 24-44, 46-68, and 70-84 are unclear in that they depend from unclear independent claims 1, 23, 45, and 69.

3. Due to the lack of clarity of what is claimed in claims 1-84 as described in section 2 above, it is not possible to apply art at this time.
  
4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

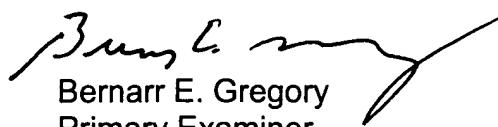
The examiner-cited prior art is of interest for showing apparatus and method in the prior art that are similar to Applicant's invention insofar as the indefinite and unclear claims may be understood.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bernarr E. Gregory whose telephone number is (571) 272-6972. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas H. Tarcza, can be reached on (571) 272-6979. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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